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S.R. No. 1055

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is indeed an honor for the Senate of the State of Texas to recognize Vidal Trevino, Superintendent of the Laredo Independent School District, who is retiring at the end of the 1995 school year after a distinguished career spanning more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trevino has wholeheartedly devoted his life to the education of the children of Laredo and has provided the necessary leadership and vision that has resulted in excellent schools offering superb educational opportunities to their students; and

WHEREAS, Born into a family of educators, Mr. Trevino was educated in the Laredo schools and graduated from Martin High School before earning his bachelor and master of arts degrees from Texas A&I University; destined to make a major contribution to education, he began teaching in the Laredo Independent School District in 1950; and

WHEREAS, He served his country during the Korean conflict in the United States Army 7th Infantry Division and returned to the classroom where he continued to teach until he was promoted to vice-principal and then principal; and

WHEREAS, From January, 1962, to January, 1963, Mr. Trevino served in the Texas House of Representatives during the 57th Legislature where he acquired additional knowledge of the educational system in the state; at the end of the legislative term, he resumed his career with the Laredo schools and was promoted to assistant superintendent in 1969 before becoming superintendent in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Embarking on a "Quest for Excellence," the exceptional educator accepted the challenge of his position and sketched a blueprint for the direction of the district, then set about fulfilling his goals; and

WHEREAS, Because of his expertise in his field, Mr. Trevino was invited to testify before the United States Civil Rights Commission on Early Childhood Education and before the Texas Legislature on the Texas School Finance Bill; and

WHEREAS, Recognized for his remarkable achievements at the local, state, and national levels, Mr. Trevino has been named twice in the last six years as the Superintendent of the Year by the Region I Educational Service Center, was named one of the top five superintendents in Texas, and was named Mr. South Texas by the Washington's Birthday celebration in 1995; and

WHEREAS, He chaired the State Accreditation Committee for the Accreditation of Schools in the State of Texas and the Texas Textbook Committee and served as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education, Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Laredo have benefitted immeasurably from the contributions of this remarkable individual not only to education, but also to the numerous civic and charitable organizations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 74th Legislature, hereby express its deepest appreciation to Vidal M. Trevino for his exceptional accomplishments as superintendent of the Laredo Independent School District that have resulted in one of the poorest school districts in the state providing the best educational resources with limited revenues; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be presented to Mr. Trevino as a token of the highest regard of the Texas Senate with best wishes to him for a most rewarding retirement.

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 1995.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate